

# AG. WATER QUALITY ACT



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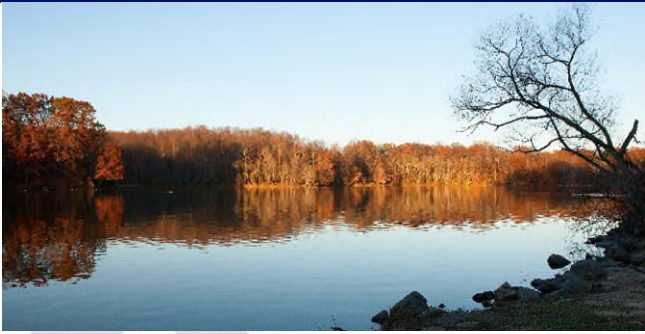


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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FUNDING ASSISTANCE

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS

## CONTOUR FARMING

### CROPS BMP #4



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**Description:**

Farming in such a way that all operations, such as plowing, land preparation, planting, cultivating, and harvesting are across the slope, rather than up and down the slope.

**AWQA Minimum Requirements:**

Perform all cropping operations across the most critical slope.

**Recommendations:**

Consider the size and operation of farm implements when planning the contour layout.

Consider the installation of a diversion or terrace system to intercept excess surface runoff and deliver the excess runoff to a stable outlet.

Consider terracing in extreme cropping situations.

**Technical References**

**University Publications**

- [University of Kentucky College of Agriculture Extension publications](#)

**USDA/NRCS Publications**

- [Practice Code 330](#) Contour Farming
- USDA/NRCS [Field Office Technical Guide](#)

**Funding Assistance Options**

**State Cost Share**

- See your local Conservation District to [apply](#).

**Kentucky Ag. Development Fund (KADB/KAFC)**

- Select from available program options [here](#).

**NRCS Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

- Select from available program options [here](#).

**Important Considerations**

Water Quality Benefit (💧💧💧💧💧): 💧💧

**Wildlife Benefits**

- Contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife's [Habitat Improvement Program](#) how to improve wildlife habitat with select BMPs (1-800-858-1549).